

**Rumson Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting February 20, 2020
Charles S. Callman Courthouse**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Charles Shay.

2. Pledge of Alliance

3. Roll Call

Present: Chairman Charles Shay, Council President Laura Atwell, Mrs. Laura Tooker, Mr. Ben Day, Mr. Ross Millhiser and Mr. Robert Adler

Absent: Vice Chairman Thomas Clark, Mr. Jim Fitzmaurice and Mr. Jon Carras

Other attendees: Mr. Stu Sendell

Chairman Shay declared a quorum present and announced that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act had been met by posting and mailing of a schedule all regular meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission for 2020 to the Asbury Park Press, the Two Rivers Times and the Rumson Borough Website.

4. Approval of Minutes of January 16, 2020

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2020 meeting was made by Council President Atwell and seconded by Mrs. Tooker. Chairman Shay to forward to Mr. Day for posting on the Borough Website.

5. Chairman Report

Chairman Shay announced the opening of the George Moss History Room. Council President Atwell will work with Mr. Day on the opening announcement and hours that will be posted on the Borough website

Chairman Shay is coordinating with the Borough Administrator on a date to present the Commission's 2019 Achievements and 2020 Goals to the Mayor and Borough Council.

Mr. Sendell attended the meeting to report he had spoken with Superintendents of both RFH Regional High School and Rumson Elementary schools and attended the respective Board of Education meetings in regards to a Rumson History curriculum. Mr. Sendell

reported his attendance at a lecture on the Underground Railroad in New Jersey that was presented by the Monmouth County Library.

6. Sub Committees

A. Maintain & Update HPC Website

- 2020 properties have been added to the website inventory - Completed
- Data collection of properties that will turn 100 in the next five years – Ongoing
- Line drawings for glossary photos underway by Mr. Day and Mr. Fitzmaurice - Ongoing
- Historic articles uploaded to website – Ongoing
- Mapping of the locations of the existing inventory to be added to website – Ongoing

A. HPC Preservation & Historic Plaque Award Programs

- Historic plaque application form has been updated and posted on the HPC website for residents to download.
- HPC Preservation nomination form has been updated for 2020 on the website
- Email to residents, website posting, Journal article and marquee notices announcing the nomination deadline
- First Committee Workshop will take place directly after scheduled HPC Commission meeting on March 19, 2020 to review submitted nominations to date and review 2019 nominations that were not selected.
- March 31, 2020 end of nomination period
- Second Committee Workshop to take place on April 2nd at Bingham Hall to review all nomination submissions and determine if additional information is required.
- Final Committee Workshop to take place on April 23rd to discuss all nominations and finalize award selection.
- Notify Borough Council and Borough Administrator of winner(s) and arrange for Council meeting date to present award(s).

B. Narrated Tour Enhancements

- Updates to existing narrated tours - Ongoing
- Discussion of potential projects to expand narration on the website - Ongoing

C. Gone but Not Forgotten

- The Reed home on the corner of 2nd Street and Church Street to be added to “Gone but Not Forgotten”. The original home of Private Edward Albert Reid, a fallen WWI soldier was razed in 2019.

D. Moss History Room and HPC Borough Hall Lobby Display Case

- Schedule for HPC Lobby display case:
 - March – June – highlight Police Chief Paterson’s bottle collection
 - June – September – Victory Park 100 Year Celebration
 - September – November – Oceanic Library 100 Year Celebration

- HPC to purchase a Guest Register for Moss History Room visitors
- Copy machine to be set up
- Work with Borough Administrator to install wooden shelving to display Rumson Mayor pictures

7. Liaison Report

Mr. Millhiser related the Monmouth County Historical Society is hosting a Bruce Springsteen exhibit in Freehold, NJ

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Thursday, March 19, 2020 in Charles S. Callman Courthouse at 6:00 PM.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 after a motion by Mr. Day and seconded by Council President Atwell.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Tooker, Secretary